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1. EXAMINATION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS BY EMBOFF AT ITRI INDICATES TRANSACTION DESCRIBED REFTEL (A) IS LEGITIMATE PART OF SERIES OF PURCHASES BY GROC AGENCY MADE THROUGH RCA AS PART OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR AGREEMENT WITH THAT FIRM (SEE REFTEL (E)). ITRI STATED IT WILL RETAIN TITLE TO THE EQUIPMENT. C.I.F. COST OF FURNACES WAS WITHIN ONE PERCENT OF VALUE GIVEN BY THERMCO.

2. ALTHOUGH EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION WOULD RAISE CAPABILITY FROM RESEARCH TO PRODUCTION, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS DANGER OF DIVERSION OF STRATEGIC MACHINERY TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, GIVEN POLITICAL BENT OF GROC. IN ADDITION TO CONDUCTING TRAINING AND RESEARCH, ITRI PLANS TO SUPPLY HIGH-PURITY SILICON WAFERS TO LOCAL INDUSTRY AS PART OF A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF THAT INDUSTRY AND THE
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SKILLS OF ITS LABOR FORCE, REDUCE RELIANCE ON IMPORTS OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY COMPONENTS (SUCH AS THOSE NOW USED IN DIGITAL WATCH MANUFACTURING), AND MAINTAIN EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GROC MONOPOLY OF PRODUCTION OF SILICON WAFERS ITSELF MINIMIZES DANGER OF DIVERSION OF PRODUCTION AND TEST EQUIPMENT, AND THIS MAY WELL HAVE BEEN A FACTOR IN GROC DECISION TO TAKE THIS ROUTE.

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3. ITRI OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THAT ALL CRITICAL EQUIPMENT
HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTRACTED FOR, AND, TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE,
THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICIALS, ALL SUCH ITEMS ARE HERE
OR ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED BY APRIL. SEVENTEEN
SHIPMENTS FROM THERMCO PRODUCTS, PURCHASED VIA ARRANGEMENT
WITH RCA, HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED.

4. THE PRODUCTION FACILITY IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN OPERATIONS
SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. PLANS CALL FOR ONLY LIMITED OUTPUT
OF 500 THREE-INCH SILICON WAFERS PER WEEK.
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